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Reply to
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Subject:

Free and Reduced Price Applications Listing Both an AFDC or Food Stamp Case Number, and Household Income

To:

STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS
(Special Nutrition Programs)

- Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,
Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming ED

This guidance is to make explicit what is only implied in the handbook FNS-274 Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual (August 1991 ed.) with respect to applications on which the household has listed both an Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Food Stamp or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) case number and household income.

Approval in such cases should be made on the basis of categorical eligibility established through the AFDC, Food Stamp or FDPIR case number(s). We suggest, however, that State agencies encourage schools to look at these applications when selecting their sample for verification and include any household whose application lists income above the free eligibility limits in the sample. Schools are also free to verify such applications at any time after approval. If verification establishes the child's current AFDC, Food Stamp or FDPIR eligibility then the child's eligibility for free meals or milk is thereby established as well and no further verification action on family income should be undertaken.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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